

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: BAKIS et al.

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
EXPRESSIVE TEXT-TO-SPEECH

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) Examiner: Douglas C. Godbold  
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) **AMENDMENT and RESPONSE to**  
) September 4, 2008 Non-Final Office Action  
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) Docket No.: YOR920030379US1  
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) **PTO Customer Number 48175**  
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 4, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.